

**MINUTES OF THE
NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
February 2, 2001
Room 305, State Capitol**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Michael R. Styler, Co-Chair
Sen. Ron Allen
Rep. Craig W. Buttars
Rep. Carl W. Duckworth
Rep. Ben C. Ferry
Rep. Fred J. Fife III
Rep. James R. Gowans
Rep. Bradley T. Johnson
Rep. Brent D. Parker

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sen. Wright, Rep. Peterson

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Sen. Hellewell

STAFF PRESENT: Steven Allred, Fiscal Analyst
Vanean Bitton, Committee Secretary

VISITORS: Attached to and made a part of these minutes

Rep. Michael R. Styler called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

Appropriation Request of \$70,000 for Cedar Mountain (*Rep. T. Hatch*)

Rep. Hatch requested an ongoing appropriation of \$70,000 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2001-2002 to Utah State University Cooperative Extension Service for the Cedar Mountain Science Center and Cedar Mountain Initiative.

Appropriation Request of \$60,000 for Berryman Institute (*Rep. B. Johnson, Rep. T. Hatch*)

Rep. Johnson and Rep. Hatch requested an ongoing appropriation of \$60,000 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2001-2002 to Utah State University Cooperative Extension Service for the Berryman Institute to fund a Wildlife Specialist at Southern Utah University and to research wildlife damage problems.

MOTION: Rep. Buttars moved to put the appropriations requests on the committee's prioritization list. Although there was not a full quorum present, the motion passed unanimously, with Sen. Hellewell, Sen. Allen, Sen. Wright, and Rep. Peterson absent for the vote.

H.B. 53 Old Iron Town State Park (*D. Bowman*)

Rep. Bowman requested a one-time appropriation of \$90,000 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2001-2002 to the Division of Parks and Recreation for the development of Old Iron Town and an ongoing appropriation of \$10,000 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2001-2002 for the operation of Old Iron Town.

MOTION: Rep. Johnson moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously,

with Sen. Hellewell, Sen. Allen, Sen. Wright, and Rep. Peterson absent for the vote. The members present agreed to place the bill on a priority list.

H.B. 87 Appropriation for Utah Botanical Center (M. Dillree)

Rep. Dillree requested a one-time appropriation of \$500,000 from the General Funds for fiscal year 2001-2002 to Utah State University for the Utah Botanical Center for the costs associated with the completion of the new facility.

MOTION: Rep. Johnson moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously, with Sen. Hellewell, Sen. Allen, Sen. Wright, and Rep. Peterson absent for the vote. The members present agreed to place the bill on a priority list.

Mr. Larry Anderson , Director of the **Division of Water Resources**, presented an overview of the division and addressed the subcommittee concern division issues.

Mr. Allred presented the budget for the Division of Water Resources. He noted that the requirement to transfer \$3 million from the Conservation and Development Fund to the federal (CUP) Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission will end in fiscal year 2001.

Mr. Allred recommended a total **Operating Budget** for the Division of Water Resources of \$4,583,800, with \$2,593,200 from General Funds. The programs within this division include:

Administration	\$417,400
Board	35,600
Interstate Streams	257,800
Cloudseeding	150,000
Cities Water	111,200
Construction	1,584,900
Planning	1,752,900
West Desert Operations	11,000
Water Education	167,000
Bear River/Wasatch Front	96,000

Mr. Allred recommended a budget of \$25,000 for the line item of Water Education Nonlapsing. This is a separate line to keep donated funds from being mingled with other funds.

Since there was not a quorum of the committee members, it was agreed that the committee would vote on the following intent language at a future meeting.

It is the intent of the Legislature that funds for the Bear River/Wasatch Front program be nonlapsing.

It is the intent of the Legislature that Water Education funds be nonlapsing.

Mr. Allred recommended the following **Capital Budget** for the Division of Water Resources.

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Cities Water Loan Fund	\$1,652,500
Revolving Construction Fund	7,433,200
Conservation and Development Fund	14,255,900

Mr. Allred informed the committee that only the General Fund and transfers from the Conservation and Development will be appropriated. Other monies are already in the revolving loan funds and don't need to be appropriated.

MOTION: Sen. Allen moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, with Sen. Hellewell, Sen. Wright, Rep. Ferry, Rep. Gowans, and Rep. Peterson absent for the vote.

Rep. Styler adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m.

Rep. Michael R. Styler, Co-Chairman

Sen. Parley Hellewell, Co-Chairman